

FIRE CONVENTION

Meeting of American Fire Engineers.

HUGH DEMPSEY'S CASE

Iowa Democrats Will Nominate Candidates.

FRENCH CANADIAN SOCIETY

Annual Tennis Tournament for Singles Champion

American Fire Engineers.

Special to The News.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 22.—

Delegates to the annual convention

of the National Association of Fire

Engineers, the majority being chiefs

of city fire departments, are regis-

tering in large numbers at the head-

quarters in the Plankinton house

this morning. The convention,

which opens this afternoon, will be

participated in by over 200 repre-

sentative firemen. Chief Hale, of

Kansas City, will arrive during the

evening with the corps of men that ac-

companied him to the international

convention at London. The con-

vention will be in session for four

days. At a meeting of the execu-

tive committee this morning the

following programme of subjects

for consideration was adopted, and

the character of the questions to be

discussed will make the convention

of more than ordinary interest to

insurance companies and managers.

The programme is as follows:

1. Storage of merchandise in ware-

houses, wholesale establishments

and factories. 2. Value of stand-

pipes for large buildings. 3. Sim-

ple suggestions for house inspec-

tion by firemen. 4. Application of

the universal mercantile schedule.

5. Practical rules for the inspection

of electric wiring. 6. Civil ser-

vice in the fire department, and its

advantages. 7. Hydrants, and how

to care for them in winter. 8. Im-

portance of co-operation between

fire departments and architects and

builders. 9. Value of chemical

engines and extinguishers on incip-

ient fires. 10. National board in-

spection. 11. Wagons or hose

carts for best service. 12. Advan-

tages of cities adopting salvage

corps for protecting property. 13.

How can fraternal feeling be best

established between fire patrols and

fire departments. 14. Regarding

factories becoming gas retorts dur-

ing fires.

Keeley League Convention.

Special to The News.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 22.—

Twenty thousand copies of the call

for the third international conven-

tion of the Keeley League, to be

held in Central Music Hall, Chi-

cago, next month, and seven thou-

sand copies of a call for the conven-

tion of the Women's Auxiliary

League, to be held in the Temper-

ance Temple on the same date, have

been sent out from the national

headquarters in this city, and Sec-

retary John M. Kelly is deluged

with responses from clubs through-

out the United States. He said

this morning that the convention

could be the largest of its kind

ever held. Temperance organiza-

tions of all kinds have been invited,

and many have already accepted.

From some localities entire Kee-

ley clubs will go to Chicago in a

body. The Colorado delegates have

chartered a special train from Den-

ver, which will pick up other dele-

gations all through Kansas, includ-

ing the Soldiers' Home delegation

and band of Fort Leavenworth, and

the Kansas City and St. Joseph

contingents. On the basis of pres-

ent advices Secretary Kelly esti-

mates that there will be fully 5,000

delegates, and that 25,000 Keeley

graduates will celebrate Keeley day

at the World's Fair.

Hugh Dempsey's Case.

Special to The News.

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 22.—Several

weeks ago General Master Work-

man Powderly, of the Knights of

Labor, issued an earnest appeal for

funds with which to make the

necessary legal preparations for

bringing before the board of par-

dons of this state the case of Hugh

Dempsey, the prominent official of

the order who was convicted of con-

spiracy in connection with the

alleged poisoning of non-union

workmen at Homestead during the

Carnegie strike, and sentenced to

a long term in the penitentiary.

The appeal fixed today as the limit

for receiving contributions, but it

has been decided to extend it for

another week. Mr. Powderly says

that he believes as firmly as ever

that Dempsey is entirely innocent,

that he was unjustly convicted, and

that it is a terrible thing for an in-

nocent man to be shut away from

the world in a felon's cell. The

fund in question is required to com-

pile the evidence and transcribe the

stenographers' notes in order that

several copies may be placed in the

hands of the members of the board.

This body meets about two weeks

hence.

Tennis Tournament.

Special to The News.

NEWYORK, R. I., Aug. 22.—The

annual tennis tournament for the

singles championship under the

auspices of the United States

National Lawn Tennis association

opened at the Casino this morning

with a large participation of crack

players, representing clubs belong-

ing to the national association.

Champion Campbell has decided

that he will not defend his cham-

pionship against the winner of the

tournament, so the player who is

skillful enough to get through the

big field will get the championship

by default.

Iowa Democratic Convention.

Special to The News.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 22.—

Delegates to the Democratic state

convention are beginning to show

up at the hotels, and tonight when

the county contingent is on the

ground politics will be red hot. The

absolute refusal of Governor Boies

to permit his name to be presented

for a third term has brought a host

of candidates into the field, but

among the delegates not on the

ground there is a strong feeling

that the governor is the only man in

whom all sections of the party can

unite, and that if he is nominated

by acclamation he can not well de-

cline.

For the lieutenant governorship

John C. Kelly, the noted Demo-

cratic war-horse, and proprietor of

the Sioux City Tribune, is a favor-

ite with many of the delegates, but

his friends say that he would not

accept any nomination under any

circumstances.

French Canadian Society.

Special to The News.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—The eigh-

teenth convention of the French

Canadian Society of the United

States opens here this afternoon,

and several hundred delegates have

arrived. Among them is Honore

Mercier, ex-premier of Quebec, and

who represents the Boston St. Jean

Baptiste Society. These conven-

tions are held every four years, but

the gathering of last year was post-

poned in order that it might be held

during the World's Fair. Namer-

ous matters of interest to French

Canadians are to be discussed. At

a meeting of the executive com-

mittee at Apollo Hall this morning it

was decided to spread the conven-

tion over a week, and to dispense

with the annual parade. This mor-

ning the delegates attended the

Church of Notre Dame, where sol-

emn pontifical high mass was cele-

brated with considerable pomp and

ceremony.

Warned Away From Vancouver

Special to The News.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22.—At the

request of Victory Assembly No.

919, of the Knights of Labor of

Vancouver, B. C., the executive

Board of Knights of Labor has

issued a special notice warning

miners and mine laborers to stay

away from that region on the

ground that several mines have en-

tirely closed down, that others are

working on half time, that hund-

reds of men are out of work, and

unable to leave the place, that the

present conditions are deplorable

and the outlook gloomy in the ex-

treme.

See Stark West for fire insurance.

Lawn Party.

There will be a lawn party at Judge

Goodrich's Tuesday night for the

benefit of The Home on Franklin

street. Refreshments served at city

prices.

DOMESTIC MATTERS

The Cherokee Strip to be Opened Sept. 16.

FINANCE REPEAL BILL

Mr. Voorhees Makes a Speech in Its Advocacy.

SILVER GOES UP TWO CENTS

Other Interesting Items From Various Sections.

By Associated Press to The News.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The

president has issued his proclama-

tion opening the Cherokee strip

to settlement at the hour of 12

o'clock noon, central standard time.

Saturday, the 16th of September.

In the senate Mr. Voorhees

(Dem.), of Indiana, chairman of the

financial committee, will make an

address in advocacy of the bill re-

ported by him last Friday discon-

tinuing the purchase of silver bul-

lion.

Senator Voorhees' speech was

listened to with the greatest interest

and attention. Nearly every sena-

tor was in his seat. Many members

of the house occupied sofas in the

rear and the galleries contained the

largest crowd of the session. The

presiding officer was obliged to

threaten to clear the galleries in

order to repress the applause called

forth by Mr. Voorhees' affirmation

of allegiance to Cleveland and other

strong points.

Silver took a jump upward to-

day, the London quotation at sent

to the treasury department being

\$0.764 per ounce. This is 2 cents

higher than yesterday's purchase

price by the department, which

amounted to 165,000 ounces at

\$0.7425 per ounce.

RECORDER WHITTAKER

Charged With Misappropriating the City Funds.

By Associated Press to The News.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 22.—The

grand jury today presented five in-

dictments for embezzlement and mis-

appropriation of funds against Re-

corder Whittaker and his two clerks,

James and William Barry. The

embezzlement will amount to nearly

\$12,000, and consisted of fines

turned into court which were never

paid to the city treasurer. In all

probability Whittaker and his clerks

will be suspended, and in case of

conviction an impeachment will fol-

low. Judge Whittaker has borne

an excellent reputation as recorder,

and it is believed that he can clear

himself of all charges except care-

lessness and over confidence in his

subordinates. The accused officers

surrendered at once to the sheriff

and were released by Judge Moise

on \$5,000 bonds.

Coming Catholic Congress.

By Associated Press to The News.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Secretary

Onahan, of the committee of ar-

rangements for the coming Catholic

Congress, today received the fol-

lowing telegram:

Baltimore, Aug. 22.—Hon. W.

J. Onahan, Chicago: Just received

from the Holy Father a beautiful

letter sanctioning the Catholic Con-

gress.

(Signed) CARDINAL GIBBONS.

It is announced among the dele-

gates to the congress will be

Chairman Carter, of the Republi-

can national committee, and Chair-

man Harrity, of the Democratic

national committee. Mr. Carter is

appointed from the vicariate of

Idaho, and Mr. Harrity from the

archdiocese of Philadelphia. The

list of New York delegates, partic-

ularly, includes many well known

men—Bourke Cochran, General Di-

cennola, Hermann Ridder Joseph

O'Donnell, Eugene Kelley, Wm.

R. Frace, Hugh J. Grant and Mayor

Gilroy.

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one month.

A TERRIBLE BATTLE

Between Citizens and the Traction Company's Men.

By Associated Press to The News.

MAHONEY CITY, Pa., Aug. 22.—

A terrible battle occurred at Gil-

berton, near this place, this morn-

ing. Last night the citizens of

Gilberton tore up the tracks of the

Schuylkill Traction company be-

cause that company failed to com-

ply with a borough ordinance.

This morning the company, with a

large force of men, all armed, at-

tempted to relay the tracks under